

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

### WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1           1.       (Currently Amended) A magnetic adsorption device comprising:  
2               a magnetic circuit block having a cavity extending in one direction and divided  
3               into a plurality of magnetic pole members at intervals in the circumferential direction  
4               of said cavity by a plurality of radially aligned spacers; and  
5               a permanent magnet assembly having an N pole and an S pole and capable  
6               of selectively rotating at a first and a second positions spaced apart about an axis of  
7               said cavity so as to adsorb and release a magnetic substance;  
8               wherein said spacers adjoining about said axis are at angular intervals smaller  
9               than 180° about said axis.
- 1           2.       (Original) A magnetic adsorption device according to claim 1, wherein  
2               said spacers adjoining about said axis are at angular intervals from 50° to 150°.
- 1           3.       (Original) A magnetic adsorption device according to claim 1, wherein  
2               said spacers adjoining about said axis are at angular intervals from 60° to 120°.
- 1           4.       (Original) A magnetic adsorption device according to claim 1, wherein  
2               said permanent magnet assembly includes a bar-like magnetic member disposed in  
3               said cavity and a pair of permanent magnets disposed around said magnetic  
4               member, wherein one and the other of the permanent magnets directs one and the  
5               other of the N pole and the S pole toward said magnetic member and directs the  
6               other and the one of the N pole and the S pole toward the inner face of the cavity.
- 1           5.       (Original) A magnetic adsorption device according to claim 4, wherein  
2               said permanent magnet includes a plate-like magnet with high coercive force  
3               magnetized in its thickness direction.
- 1           6.       (Original) A magnetic adsorption device according to claim 5, wherein  
2               said cavity and said magnetic member have a circular sectional shape and said  
3               permanent magnet is curved like an arc.

1           7.     (Original) A magnetic adsorption device according to claim 1, further  
2 comprising:

3           an end plate attached to one end portion of said magnetic circuit block in said  
4 axial direction and having a through hole for receiving a part of said permanent  
5 magnet assembly in said axial direction; and

6           a rotating member connected with one end portion of said permanent magnet  
7 assembly in the direction said axis so as to angularly rotate said permanent magnet  
8 assembly about said axis.

1           8.     (Original) A magnetic adsorption device according to claim 7, wherein  
2 said rotating member includes a handle connected with one end portion of said  
3 permanent magnet assembly so as to angularly rotate about an imaginary axis  
4 extending in a direction crossing the axis of said cavity, and

5           wherein said end plate has a first and a second recesses for receiving said  
6 handle so as to selectively maintain said permanent magnet assembly at a first and  
7 a second position releasably.

1           9.     (Original) A magnetic adsorption device according to claim 8, further  
2 comprising a pusher disposed in said permanent magnet assembly so as to apply  
3 force to said handle in a direction that said handle is received in said first and second  
4 recesses.

1           10.    (Original) A magnetic adsorption device according to claim 9, wherein  
2 said end plate further has an inclined plane between said first and second recesses,  
3 said inclined plane going away from the side of said magnetic circuit block, the  
4 nearer either one side of said first and second recesses.

1           11.    (Original) A magnetic adsorption device according to claim 1, wherein  
2 said magnetic circuit block may have at least one magnetic adsorption portions.

1           12.    (Original) A magnetic apparatus comprising: a plurality of magnetic  
2 adsorption devices described to any one of claims 1 through 11; and a connecting  
3 member for connecting said plurality of magnetic adsorption devices.

1           13.    (Original) A magnetic apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said  
2 connecting member includes a hole capable of engaging a suspension member.

1           14.   (Original) A magnetic apparatus according to claim 12, further  
2   comprising an engaging member connected with said connecting member or said  
3   magnetic adsorption devices, wherein said engaging member has a hole capable of  
4   engaging a suspension member.

1           15.   (Original) A magnetic apparatus according to claim 12, wherein each  
2   said magnetic adsorption device has at least one magnetic adsorption portion, and  
3   wherein adjoining magnetic adsorption devices are connected so that said magnetic  
4   adsorption portion may be located on the same side.

1           16.   (Original) A magnetic apparatus according to claim 12, wherein each  
2   said magnetic adsorption device has at least one magnetic adsorption portion, and  
3   wherein adjoining magnetic adsorption devices are connected such that said  
4   magnetic adsorption portions are located at angular intervals around an imaginary  
5   circle.

1           17.   (Cancelled)

1           18.   (Cancelled)

1           19.   (Cancelled)